

## WHAT IS CLAIMED

1. A high-frequency device for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands comprising (a) a  
5 branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and  
10 (d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein the phase matching between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits via said phase-adjusting circuit is adjusted to conjugate matching in a fundamental frequency band, while it is adjusted in a nonconjugate matching range in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an  
15 integer of 2 or more.
2. The high-frequency device according to claim 1, wherein  $\theta_2$  is adjusted within  $\theta_0 \pm 120^\circ$  in said  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $\theta_0$  is a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$ , and  $\theta_1$  is conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of each of said high-frequency amplifiers when viewed from  
20 a connection reference plane between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, and  $\theta_2$  is a phase of an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said switch circuits when viewed from said connection reference plane
3. A high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate for  
25 handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands, comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency

amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, wherein the phase matching between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part via  
5 said phase-adjusting circuit is adjusted to conjugate matching in a fundamental frequency band, while it is adjusted in a nonconjugate matching range in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more.

4. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein  $\theta_2$  is  
10 adjusted within  $\theta_0 \pm 120^\circ$  in said  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $\theta_0$  is a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$ , and  $\theta_1$  is conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, and  $\theta_2$  is a phase  
15 of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

5. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said phase-adjusting circuit is a low-pass filter constituted by an LC circuit, and wherein when a phase  $\theta_3$  of an impedance  $Z_3$  of said switch module part  
20 when viewed from a terminal of said phase-adjusting circuit on the side of said switch module part is present on the counterclockwise side of  $\theta_0$  on a Smith chart, a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is  
25 adjusted by said phase-adjusting circuit, such that said phase  $\theta_2$  is closer to  $\theta_0$  than  $\theta_3$  in  $n$ -th frequency bands, said  $\theta_0$  being a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$ , and said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said

connection reference plane

6. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said phase-adjusting circuit is constituted by a transmission line, and wherein when a phase  $\theta_3$  of an impedance  $Z_3$  of said switch module part when viewed from a terminal of said phase-adjusting circuit on the side of said switch module part is present on the counterclockwise side of  $\theta_0$  on a Smith chart, a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted by making said transmission line longer, such that said phase  $\theta_2$  is closer to  $\theta_0$  than  $\theta_3$  in n-th frequency bands, said  $\theta_0$  being a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$ , and said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

7. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said phase-adjusting circuit is a high-pass filter constituted by an LC circuit, and wherein when a phase  $\theta_3$  of an impedance  $Z_3$  of said switch module part when viewed from a terminal of said phase-adjusting circuit on the side of said switch module part is present on the clockwise side of  $\theta_0$  on a Smith chart, a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted by said phase-adjusting circuit, such that said phase  $\theta_2$  is closer to  $\theta_0$  than  $\theta_3$  in n-th frequency bands, said  $\theta_0$  being a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$ , and said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

8. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said

phase-adjusting circuit is constituted by a transmission line, and wherein  
when a phase  $\theta_3$  of an impedance  $Z_3$  of said switch module part when  
viewed from a terminal of said phase-adjusting circuit on the side of said  
switch module part is present on the clockwise side of  $\theta_0$  on a Smith chart,  
5 a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed  
from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and  
said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted by making  
said transmission line shorter, such that said phase  $\theta_2$  is closer to  $\theta_0$  than  $\theta_3$   
in n-th frequency bands, said  $\theta_0$  being a phase opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  
10  $180^\circ$ , and said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of impedance  $Z_1$  of said  
high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said  
connection reference plane

9. The high-frequency module according to claim 7, wherein an end  
of an inductor in an LC circuit constituting said high-pass filter is  
15 connected to said switch module part without interposing a capacitor, with  
its other end grounded.

10. A high-frequency device for handling a plurality of  
transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands comprising (a) a  
branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-  
20 frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said  
branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and  
receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and  
(d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits  
and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of  
25 an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said switch circuits when viewed from a  
connection reference plane between each of said switch circuits and each of  
said high-frequency amplifying circuits is adjusted to a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  
 $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band.

11. A high-frequency device for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands comprising (a) a branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and (d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said switch circuits when viewed from a connection reference plane between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits is adjusted in a conjugate matching range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of each of said high-frequency amplifiers when viewed from said connection reference plane
12. A high-frequency device for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands comprising (a) a branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and (d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said switch circuits when viewed from a connection reference plane between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits is adjusted in a conjugate matching range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  and in a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of each of said high-frequency amplifiers when viewed from said connection

reference plane

13. A high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands, comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-  
5 frequency signals and lower-frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying  
10 circuit module part, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part and said switch module part is adjusted to a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band by said phase-adjusting circuit.

14. A high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate for  
15 handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands, comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed  
20 between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted in a conjugate matching range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  in a fundamental  
25 frequency band by said phase-adjusting circuit, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

15. A high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate for

handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands, comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted in a conjugate matching range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  and in a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band by said phase-adjusting circuit, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

16. A high-frequency device for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands comprising (a) a branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and (d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said switch circuits when viewed from a connection reference plane between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits is adjusted by said phase-adjusting circuit, (1) in a conjugate matching range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  and in a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band, and (2) in a nonconjugate matching range within  $\pm 120^\circ$  ( $\theta_0 \pm 120^\circ$ ) from a phase  $\theta_0$  opposite to a

phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$  in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of each of said high-frequency amplifiers when viewed from said connection reference plane

- 5 17. A high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate for handling a plurality of transmitting/receiving systems having different passbands, comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency  
10 amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of impedance  $Z_2$  of said switch module part when viewed from a connection reference plane between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part is adjusted by said phase-adjusting circuit, (1) in a conjugate matching  
15 range within  $\theta_1 \pm 90^\circ$  and in a range of  $-125^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$  in a fundamental frequency band, and (2) in a nonconjugate matching range within  $\pm 120^\circ$  ( $\theta_0 \pm 120^\circ$ ) from a phase  $\theta_0$  opposite to a phase  $\theta_1$  by  $180^\circ$  in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more, said  $\theta_1$  being conjugate to a  
20 phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part when viewed from said connection reference plane

18. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein a region containing said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part and a region containing said switch module part are shielded from each other by a  
25 shielding electrode formed on at least one of dielectric layers constituting said laminate, or by through-hole electrodes penetrating a plurality of dielectric layers constituting said laminate.

19. The high-frequency module according to claim 18, wherein said



shielding electrode is formed on a layer above or below a dielectric layer provided with transmission lines.

20. The high-frequency module according to claim 18, wherein said through-hole electrodes are connected to said shielding electrode.

5 21. The high-frequency module according to claim 20, wherein said through-hole electrodes are connected to ground electrodes formed on other dielectric layers.

22. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said switch module part comprises a branching circuit for branching higher-  
10 frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, and switch circuits connected to said branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems.

23. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part comprises at least a  
15 semiconductor element, a power-applying circuit and a matching circuit.

24. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein at least part of transmission lines and LC circuits constituting said switch module part, said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part and said phase-adjusting circuit are formed by electrode patterns formed on dielectric  
20 layers constituting said laminate, and chip elements constituting part of switching elements, semiconductor elements and LC circuits constituting said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part are mounted onto said laminate.

25. The high-frequency module according to claim 24, wherein said  
25 branching circuit is constituted by an LC circuit; wherein main elements of said switch circuit are switching elements and transmission lines; wherein at least part of said LC circuits and said transmission lines are formed by electrode patterns formed on dielectric layers constituting said laminate;

and wherein chip elements constituting part of said switching elements and said LC circuits are mounted onto said laminate.

26. The high-frequency module according to claim 24, wherein said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part comprises at least a semiconductor element, a power-applying circuit and a matching circuit; wherein at least part of transmission lines and LC circuits constituting said power-applying circuit and said matching circuit are formed by electrode patterns formed on dielectric layers constituting said laminate; and wherein chip elements constituting part of said switching elements and said LC circuits are mounted onto said laminate.

27. The high-frequency module according to claim 24, wherein at least part of transmission lines or LC circuits constituting said phase-adjusting circuit are formed by electrode patterns formed on dielectric layers constituting said laminate.

28. The high-frequency module according to claim 22, wherein each transmitting system in said switch circuit comprises a low-pass filter constituted by an LC circuit, and wherein said LC circuit is formed by electrode patterns on dielectric layers constituting said laminate.

29. The high-frequency module according to claim 3, wherein it comprises at least one of a coupler circuit, an isolator circuit and a filter circuit between said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part and said switch module part.

30. A high-frequency device comprising high-frequency amplifying circuits, and high-frequency circuits disposed downstream of said high-frequency amplifying circuits for treating a high-frequency signal amplified by said high-frequency amplifying circuit, which are connected to each other via a phase-adjusting circuit, wherein a phase  $\theta_2$  of an impedance  $Z_2$  of each of said downstream high-frequency circuits when viewed from a

reference point of said phase-adjusting circuit on the side of said high-frequency amplifying circuit is adjusted within  $\theta_0 \pm 120^\circ$  in a frequency that is  $n$  times ( $n$  is an integer of 2 or more) the fundamental frequency of said high-frequency signal, said  $\theta_0$  being an opposite phase to a phase  $\theta_1$ ,  
5 which is conjugate to a phase  $\theta$  of an impedance  $Z_1$  of said high-frequency amplifying circuit when viewed from said reference point.

31. The high-frequency device according to claim 1, wherein said high-frequency amplifying circuit comprises at least a semiconductor element, a power-applying circuit and a matching circuit.

10 32. A communications device for transmitting and receiving two or more signals having different frequencies via one common antenna, said common antenna being connected to a high-frequency device comprising (a) a branching circuit for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-frequency signals, (b) at least one switch circuit connected to said  
15 branching circuit for switching connection to transmitting systems and receiving systems, (c) a plurality of high-frequency amplifying circuits, and (d) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits, wherein the phase  
20 matching between each of said switch circuits and each of said high-frequency amplifying circuits via said phase-adjusting circuit is adjusted to conjugate matching in a fundamental frequency band, while it is adjusted in a nonconjugate matching range in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more.

33. A communications device for transmitting and receiving two or  
25 more signals having different frequencies via one common antenna, said common antenna being connected to a high-frequency module constituted by an integral laminate, said high-frequency module comprising (a) a switch module part for branching higher-frequency signals and lower-

- frequency signals and switching connection to said transmitting systems and said receiving systems, (b) a high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, and (c) a phase-adjusting circuit disposed between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part, wherein the
- 5 phase matching between said switch module part and said high-frequency amplifying circuit module part via said phase-adjusting circuit is adjusted to conjugate matching in a fundamental frequency band, while it is adjusted in a nonconjugate matching range in  $n$ -th frequency bands, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more.